



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: REVISE WILDLIFE INTERACTION RULES (AMEND PERMANENT REGULATIONS WAC 232-12; AMEND SEASONS AND LIMITS WAC 232-28; AMEND WILDLIFE INTRACTION REGULATIONS WAC 232-36) AND ADD NEW RULES TO WAC 232-36.

Description of Proposal:

The Department is proposing revisions to wildlife interaction rules to provide the Department guidance for managing wildlife conflict issues and implementing abatement measures. The proposed revisions clarify roles, responsibilities, process and requirements for trappers, wildlife control operators, permit holders, hunters, and landowners that participate in activities. The proposed changes will assist the Department with abating wildlife damage and conflict issues and to further facilitate an improved understanding of the assistance available through the Department as well as lessen the likelihood for confusion regarding the tools used for mitigation.

The rules can be found at the following link:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/regulations/development.html>

The rules are located under the bullet item entitled "Amendments to wildlife interaction, depredation and hazing rules" and "Supplemental CR-102".

The department will bring the proposed rule revisions to the Commission on September 18-19, 2015 for consideration. The Commission will consider adoption of revised rules October 2015. Rules will be implemented and in effect November 2015

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal: Statewide, Washington, All Counties

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the

environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **September 3, 2015**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal. You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

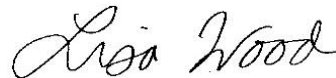
Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_final_docs_2015.html. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal.

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

DATE OF ISSUE: August 20, 2015 **SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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